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“Back to the basics”

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Weather

 Today High: 39, Low: 19 Sunny	 Saturday High: 50, Low: 35 Sunny
 Sunday High: 46, Low: 29 Partly Cloudy	 Monday High: 55, Low: 30 Sunny

News Briefs

SUPT 09-04 Graduation

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training class 09-04 will graduate in a ceremony held at Kaye Auditorium Jan. 23 at 10 a.m. Brigadier Gen. Guy Walsh, Commander, 175th Wing, Maryland Air National Guard, Md., will be the guest speaker.

09-05 Assignment Night

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training class 09-04 will hold their assignment night Jan. 30 at 5 p.m. at the Columbus Club.

Dorm Dinner

There will be a Dorm Dinner for all residents of the enlisted dormitories Jan. 22 at the Chapel Annex. Supervisors are encouraged to attend.

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Fire Emergency Services is highlighted in this week's feature.



U.S. Air Force photo by Melissa Duncan
Colonel Terry Ross, 340th Flying Training Group, Air Force Reserve Command, Randolph AFB, Texas, hands the 43rd Flying Training Squadron guidon to Lt. Col. Brian Bowman in a change of command ceremony Jan. 9 in the BLAZE Hangar. Colonel Bowen was previously the director of operations here prior to assuming command of the 43rd FTS.

43rd FTS welcomes new commander

Airman 1st Class Josh Harbin
14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Lieutenant Col. Michael Gibbon relinquished command of the 43rd Flying Training Squadron, 340th Flying Training Group, to Lt. Col. Brian Bowman in a ceremony Jan. 9 in the BLAZE Hangar.

Colonel Bowen was previously the director of operations here prior to assuming command.

He began his Air Force career as an enlisted Airman in the

Pennsylvania Air National Guard as an A-7D aircrew life support technician. He later received the Airman of the Year award for the state of Pennsylvania in 1985 and was selected to attend The Academy of Military Science, an officer training school, at Knoxville Air National Guard Base, Tenn. He received his commission in 1988 and went on to Reese AFB, Texas, for pilot training. He later returned to the Pennsylvania Air National Guard.

In 1991, as chief scheduler at Pennsylvania Air National
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COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE

PHASE II				PHASE III				IFF				WING SORTIE BOARD			
Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Track Select	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
37th (09-12)	3.00 days	-0.63 days	Jan.16	48th (09-04)	2.50 days	-1.80 days	Jan. 23	49th (09-DB)	-9.56 days	-6.17 days	Feb. 3	T-6	1,051	154	7,525
41st (09-13)	-2.91 days	-8.93 days	Feb. 11	50th (09-04)	1.29 days	-1.95 days	Jan. 23					T-1	383	378	2,994
												T-38	317	47	2,239
												IFF	94	16	796

Graduation speaker: The graduation speaker is Brig. Gen. Guy Walsh, 175th Wing, Maryland Air National Guard, Md.

FTAC graduates



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Josh Harbin

The 14th Flying Training Wing congratulates its newest Airmen who completed the First Term Airman Course Friday. Our newest Airmen are: Airman 1st Class Michaela Eason, 14th Medical Operations Squadron; Airman Kevin Reister, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron; Airman 1st Class Amanda Pribble, 14th MDOS; Airman 1st Class Katherine Mazzone, 14th MDOS; Airman 1st Class Jason Prewara, 14th Operations Support Squadron; Airman Adam Woosley, 14th Comptroller-Contracting Squadron (Provisional); Airman Steven Ferrell, 14th CES; Airman 1st Class Tyler West, 14th OSS; and Airman 1st Class Kyle Burns, 14th CPTS-CONS (P).

Quarterly Awards Luncheon

The Fourth Quarter Awards Luncheon will be held Jan. 22 at the Columbus Club at 11:30 a.m. Please come out and support our award winners.

14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 52 BLAZE TEAM members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.



43rd FTS

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Guard, he led the way for the unit's transition from the A-7D to the KC-135E. He was then quickly upgraded to aircraft commander, instructor and evaluator.

He has flown combat and combat support missions for Operation Allied Force in Bosnia, Uphold Democracy in Haiti, and Operation Southern Watch in Iraq.

Colonel Bowman transferred to Sheppard AFB, Texas, in 1998 as the first T-38 flight commander for the 97th Flying Training Squadron, a part of the newly-developed Associate Instructor Program using reserve pilots to augment the active duty cadre. His efforts resulted in the squadron reaching far beyond its planned sortie rate and becoming the top sortie-producing squadron within the 340th Flying Training Group.

During his time at Sheppard AFB, he also

served as the Chief of T-38 Training, leading a major rewrite of all seven T-37 syllabi for the Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training program. That two-year endeavor reduced overall flying time costs by leveraging the new T-6 primary trainer and adapting the T-38 syllabus to achieve for contiguous training.

He has also served as the investigating officer on five Class-A flight mishaps within Air Education and Training Command.

He is a command pilot with more than 3,300 flying hours in the A7 D/K, KC-135 A/E/R/, and the T-38 A/C.

The mission of the 43rd FTS is to administer and execute the AETC/AFRC Associate Instructor Pilot Program and provide active, guard, reserve, and traditional reserve instructor pilots to augment the cadre of pilot training. During wartime or in the event of hostilities, the unit is mobilized to offset anticipated losses of experienced active duty pilot contributions to the instructor pilot training program.

Base Community Council luncheon

The Base Community Council, an off base, non-profit organization which supports base activities, will hold its annual luncheon at the Columbus Club Jan. 30 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Clergy Day



U.S. Air Force photo by Elizabeth Owens
Local religious leaders came to Columbus AFB Tuesday to meet and interact with the base chaplains to strengthen the bonds between the religious community on and off base. The primary topic of discussion during the meeting was suicide prevention and ways the religious community of Columbus can work together to mitigate this issue.

CAFB welcomes Brig. Gen. Walsh

Brigadier Gen. Guy Walsh is the commander of the 175th Wing, Maryland Air National Guard, Baltimore, Md. He is responsible for two distinct flying units, USAF's first A-10C Precision Engagement fighter squadron and the Air Force's first operational C-130J airlift squadron with personnel totaling approximately 1600.



The General received his commission in June 1979 as a graduate of the United States Air Force Academy. Following undergraduate pilot training, he flew the RF-4C as a tactical reconnaissance pilot in Europe. He converted to the F-4C, F-4D, YF-4E, and T-38 at the Air Force Flight Test Center, Edwards AFB, Calif., and eventually transitioned to the A-10A Thunderbolt II as a fighter pilot, instructor pilot, flight commander, operations officer, squadron

commander, and deputy operations group commander.

He previously commanded the 358th Fighter Squadron at Davis Monthan AFB, Ariz. General Walsh has also served in the J3 Operations Division at U.S. Central Command as Chief of Air Operations and Deputy Chief of Current Operations. He served as the Commander, 1st Air Support Operations Group at Fort Lewis Army Installation, Wash. He also served as the I Corps Air Liaison Officer, serving as principal advisor to the I Corps Commanding General and staff on the employment of air power assets supporting corps, joint task force, contingency operations, and Stryker Brigade Combat Team Transformation. A command pilot, the General has accumulated over 4,000 flying hours, primarily in fighter aircraft.

Retired Gen. Moore visits CAFB

The 14th Medical Group and Company Grade Officer Council are proud to host a Leadership Luncheon to be held at the Columbus Club Jan. 21. The guest speaker will be Maj. Gen. Thomas L. Moore Jr., U.S. Marine Corps (Ret). General Moore is a career helicopter pilot with multiple combat missions and, prior to his retire-

ment in October 2008, was the Chief of Staff, U.S. Central Command. The topic of General Moore's speech is motivational in nature regarding the importance of military service. The luncheon is open to all Airmen. The buffet-style meal will begin at 11:30 a.m. with the expectation of having everyone seated by noon.



CAFB leadership tours MSU



U.S. Air Force Photo
Colonel Roger Watkins, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, is welcomed by Dr. Sandra Harpole, Associate Vice President for Research and Economic Development, and Dr. Kirk Schulz, Vice President for Research and Economic Development, at Mississippi State University. Fifteen BLAZE senior leaders toured MSU last Thursday.

Celebrating Martin Luther King Junior day

Maj. JayCee Stennis Jr.
14th Flying Training Wing
Maintenance Authority

Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday: it is not just another holiday where we take another day off in January just three weeks after the long holiday season celebrating Christmas, Hanukkah, or Kwanzaa. MLK Day is a day of reflection as well as celebration of the life and legacy of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr King was seen as the "drum major for justice." MLK Day was declared and recognized as a holiday when President Ronald Reagan signed the bill in to law in 1983, but was it first observed in 1986. The campaign for a federal holiday in King's honor began soon after his assassination. At first, some states resisted observing the holiday as such, giving it alternative names or combining it with other holidays. It was officially observed in all 50 states for the first time in 2006. Dr. King gave the ultimate sacrifice for the principles he championed much like the men and women in the Armed Forces when they swore to uphold, defend and give their lives if required in order that all Americans would enjoy America's freedoms: the "inalienable rights" of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. These freedoms were guaranteed by the United States Constitution when this great country stood up and declared its independence from England. Dr. King pursued what he called his "Macedonian call for aid" that was to see that all Americans were treated equal and fairly in the workplace, schools, restaurants, movie theatres, voting booths, and the courts.

Dr. King pursued his cause with infectious enthusiasm as well as tenacious leadership, dignity and honor to the very end. His life was cut short and he succumbed to an assassin's bullet April 4, 1968 while standing on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel in downtown Memphis, Tenn. He had come back to Memphis just weeks later to conduct a rally during the height of the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 1960s. Dr. King was just one of many civil rights leaders during the civil rights movement. Other notable leaders were Medgar Evers, Reverend Jessie Jackson Sr., Dr. Joseph Lowery, Ralph Abernathy, former mayor of Atlanta, Congressman and United Nations Ambassador Andrew Young, Fannie Lou Hammer, former Atlanta mayor Maynard Jackson, and Congressional Gold Medal Award recipient Rosa Parks to name just a few.

Dr. King traveled the length and breath of this country and little did we Americans know that he would not make it to see his



"Dream 365" • Jan. 16 - Jan. 19

Jan. 16: Step Show/Youth Apollo Night at the Trotter Convention Center.
Cost: \$10; Time: 7 p.m.

Jan. 17: Black Tie Gala with guest speaker Derrick Johnson, NAACP.
President for the State of Mississippi at Hogarth at the Mississippi University for Women.
Cost: \$40; Time: 6 p.m.

Jan. 17: Adult Apollo Night with the comedy of Don DC Curry at Rent Auditorium at the Mississippi University for Women.
Cost: \$20; VIP: \$40; early tickets: two for \$20

Jan. 18: Mississippi Mass Choir performs at the Rent Auditorium at the Mississippi University for Women
Cost: Free; Time: 6 p.m.

Jan. 19: Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Brown vs. Board Of Education
Keynote speaker: Cheryl Brown Henderson

lasting impacts of his courage to serve in the fight for racial equality and justice. King did not fight violence with violence or exchange and "eye for an eye"; he extended the olive branch and preached non violence as the antidote for social change in a dangerous segregated America.

He was guided by President Abraham Lincoln famous quote, "This nation cannot survive half slave and half free."

As a result of his charge, Dr. King endured many death threats and even experienced the bombing of his own home. He was arrested and sent to jail numerous times, yet he did not let his misfortune deter him from working toward his personal dream, "...that my four little children would not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character."

Here is the apex of King's dream in his own words: "I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed - we hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal. This will be the day; this will be the day when all of God's children will be able to sing with new meaning "My country 'tis

of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing, land where my fathers died, land of the Pilgrim's pride, from every mountainside, let freedom ring!"

King's delivery of the speech Aug. 28, 1963 from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial during the March on Washington for jobs and freedom was a defining moment of the American Civil Rights Movement. He delivered it to over 250,000 civil rights supporters, and was one of the greatest and most notable speeches in history and was ranked the top American speech of the 20th century by a 1999 poll of scholars of public address.

On Nov. 4, 2008, Dr. King's dream was advanced and made a reality exactly forty years after his tragic death when the citizens of the United States of America elected Barack Obama its first African-American as the forty-fourth President. President Obama is set to be sworn into office in Jan 20. The President-Elect would be the first to tell you that it was because of the civil rights movement and its leaders that this country was able to elect him to the highest office in the land—the

Presidency and that he stands "on the backs and shoulders" of those otherwise nameless freedom fighters who preceded him. They are the names of the aforementioned as well as men and women like Gen. Colin Powell who served as former National Security Advisor to President Ronald Reagan, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to President George Bush, and former Secretary of State under President George W. Bush, and the current Secretary of State Dr. Condoleezza Rice.

Other notable African American freedom fighters overcoming seemingly insurmountable obstacles were: Gen. Daniel "Chappie" James, Gen. Lloyd "Fig" Newton, Gen. Benjamin O Davis, the Tuskegee Airmen, Benjamin Banneker, Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, Madam Sojourner Truth, Dr. W.E.B. Dubois, Dr. Booker T. Washington, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court Thurgood Marshall, former Virginia Governor Douglas Wilder, former New York Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm, Dr. Earnest E. Just, the legendary Muhammad Ali, and Jackie Robinson. These are but a few of the countless thousands who fought for equality in America.

This year's 2009 MLK Day Observances promise to be filled with wonderful activities and rich learning experiences. The African American Heritage Committee has teamed up with the local community and is one of the proud sponsors to the "Dream 365" Activities. The "Dream 365" organization is the official host of the MLK Celebrations being held in the Golden Triangle Jan. 17 through Jan. 19.

This year our own, Col. Mark Brown, 14th Mission Support Group commander will be presented with the Unsung Hero Award at the Rent Auditorium at 6 p.m.

If you are interested in purchasing tickets or volunteering for any event, please contact Tynisa Eleby at 434-2337.

Also the men and women of the African American Heritage Committee led by Staff Sgt. Bryant Hayes, 14th Medical Group, and Tynisa Eleby 14th Force Support Squadron, would like you to join them in celebrating the rich diverse culture and traditions of African Americans during the entire month of February. Contact Staff Sgt. Hayes or any AAHC member for more information.

Remember when we take time off this to celebrate this Monday, it is not just a day off but a day on, let's step back and reflect on the life and legacy of a great American hero and think about how we can strengthen America and make it even better through the acceptance of its diversity.

Airman receives Purple Heart from chief of staff

Staff Sgt. J.G. Buzanowski
Secretary of the Air Force
Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — On Christmas Eve, Master Sgt. David Webber wasn't thinking about Santa or sugarplums. He wasn't wrapping presents for his two boys or his wife. He was in a guard tower. In Afghanistan. Helping scan for snipers.

But that was before being hit with chunks of shrapnel that had him losing a pint of blood a minute.

Since then Sergeant Webber has been recovering at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and Jan. 8 was invited to the Pentagon to receive his Purple Heart medal from Gen. Norton Schwartz, the chief of staff of the Air Force.

"We all take an oath to serve and our ethic is 'Send me,' and you did that very thing," General Schwartz told Sergeant Webber. "A Purple Heart is not something you volunteer for and you certainly hope you don't repeat it, but you've served honorably and with courage."

Sergeant Webber, the NCO-in-charge of mental health at McConnell Air Force Base, Kan., was deployed to Forward Operating Base Orgun-E, in eastern Afghanistan last August. His job was to look out for his fellow Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines, and make sure they were dealing well with the stress of the deployment.

"You don't really have a lot of credibility when you just show up to talk to someone. They just don't trust you or feel comfortable talking with you yet," Sergeant Webber said. "So I just started spending time with folks. I sat in guard towers, I helped out the field surgical team, basically anywhere I could just sit and get to know people and help them while they worked.

"That's when they started opening up to me about issues so that I could do my job and help them deal with the stress," he added.

Sergeant Webber found himself spending more and more time at the Margah Combat Operations Post. The outpost had been shelled with mortar rounds and attacked by snipers for months. The people there were constantly on edge.

Just the kind of place Sergeant Webber was needed.

"I had just come down from a lookout tower helping a Solider spot for muzzle flashes," Sergeant Webber said. "I'd been putting together a list of comforts the troops had asked for — energy drinks, ramen (noodles) — and I was standing behind a truck. The next thing I knew I was on all fours and it felt like someone hit me in the face with a shovel. All I could hear was the ringing in my ears."

Sergeant Webber found out later a mortar round hit the truck directly. But at the time, it was all he could do to make his way to a bunker where a medic found him bleeding.

"I'd been to the combat lifesavers course and I'd taken self aid buddy care classes and when they teach you about tourniquets, you never expect to be the one having the timestamp written on your forehead," Sergeant Webber said. "That was probably the most surreal part of it."

After being airlifted back to Orgun-E and brought to the field surgical team, they started asking him his name and the date to see if he was okay.

"They didn't recognize me with the oxygen mask on, so I took it off and told them, 'Hey guys, come on, it's Sergeant Webber. You know me.'"

The shocked medics immediately went to work on the NCO who just a couple of weeks earlier brought them



U.S. Air Force photo/Scott M. Ash

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz congratulates Master Sgt. David Webber Jan. 8 after presenting him the Purple Heart medal in the Pentagon.

sodas, mopped their floor and helped them save the lives of other troops. Sergeant Webber was one of their own.

Soon after that, he was on his way to Walter Reed.

Even though he's extremely honored and humbled the Air Force chief of staff pinned on his Purple Heart, Sergeant Webber says with pride, "I got hurt, but those folks at Margah still got their energy drinks and ramen noodles."

Sergeant Webber returned home Jan. 9. His goal is to become a first sergeant.

Air Force inauguration participation represents another historic event

Maj. Gen. Ralph Jodice
Commander, AF District of
Washington
& 320th AEW

WASHINGTON — On Jan. 20, when President-elect Barack Obama takes the oath of office, U.S. servicemembers once again will participate in a time-honored tradition which began with President George Washington for his first inauguration in 1789.

Among those servicemembers participating with the new president will be more than 1,300 Airmen from the Air Force District of Washington. These active duty, Guard and Reserve Airmen represent the Air Force element providing support to inaugural events. They also stand as a reminder of the 2.3 million servicemembers stationed around the world, including the many servicemembers deployed defending the nation's freedom.

AFDW did not exist during the last inauguration. The organization, first established at Bolling Air Force Base, D.C., on Oct. 1, 1985, and deactivated July 1, 1994,

was re-established shortly after the last inauguration, when it was determined each service component needed a way to plan and implement joint operations within the National Capital Region should another event like 9/11 take place. As a command, its Airmen have participated in many other national special security events. However, this inauguration is the first large-scale activation of AFDW's 320th Air Expeditionary Wing.

The first six Airmen processed through the 320th AEW in December 2007 served as the initial Air Force cadre to the Armed Forces Inaugural Committee, or AFIC. Since then, the Airmen arriving to participate in inaugural events, and the types of duties they are performing, have increased exponentially. They come from 43 stateside bases, five overseas bases and nine Air National Guard units, and include cadets from the U.S. Air Force Academy.

As expected, the Air Force Band and Air Force Honor Guard, the ceremonial units from the 11th Wing at Bolling AFB, will participate along the parade route and at other inaugural events throughout the

week. Additionally, Airmen assigned to AFDW will form a segment of the ceremonial cordon, which are military members standing along both sides of the two-mile parade route.

Airmen also will serve as drivers, distinguished visitor and media escorts, photographers and ushers at events taking place throughout the inaugural period. These are the "faces" of AFDW and the 320th AEW. But the value of each Airman's participation is not measured by his or her proximity to inaugural events.

Hundreds of AFDW members have worked tirelessly for the past 14 months to ensure all goes well for the men and women out in front, and for the newly elected president. Air Force planners, in concert with their counterparts at AFIC and more than 20 state and federal agencies, have spent countless hours writing, refining and executing plans for the event. Specialists from nearly every Air Force career field continue to identify and manage inaugural requirements, leaving no stone unturned.

Also taking place behind the scenes is the participation of AFDW's Airmen in

operational events surrounding and leading up to the inauguration, providing around-the-clock support during the 10-day "inaugural period."

The morning of the inauguration, Services personnel from the 316th Wing at Andrews AFB, Md., will prepare and serve more than 1,400 hot meals for cordon members from all services and then transport them to the parade route. Medical specialists with the 79th Medical Wing at Andrews, as well as military medical units throughout the NCR, will deploy along the parade route to provide assistance as needed.

Finally, AFDW personnel will remain on alert with members from all service branches throughout the inaugural period to provide continuity of operations, military support to civil authorities and effective contingency response, if needed.

Putting together an event as large as a presidential inauguration is a monumental achievement. All the successes stemming from this will be due to the training, professionalism and dedication of the participating Airmen and joint partners.

The mission works as well as you adhere to standards

Chief Master Sgt. Mike Ivey

437th Airlift Wing command chief master sergeant

CHARLESTON AIR FORCE BASE, S.C. — The mission of the U.S. Air Force is to fly, fight and win ... in air, space and cyberspace. This statement encompasses everything we do for our country.

Our senior leaders precisely define our roles as Airmen using one short sentence that by itself doesn't seem all that complicated. Successfully accomplishing the Air Force mission requires countless numbers of intricately woven processes managed and performed by a dedicated team of Airmen who follow and enforce standards.

The old adage, "A place for everything and everything in its place," applies to how the Air Force enterprise as whole protects our country. Each person, each base, each piece of equipment and each process has to contribute to our mission. Everyone and everything performing properly are both vital if we hope to be successful.

Adhering to the principles of military discipline and enforcing standards serve as the foundation for accomplishing our mission efficiently and effectively. That means we all must follow the orders and directions provided by our leaders, we must comply with standards, and we must follow all applicable guidance and complete every step in our approved checklists, even when doing so does not seem to make sense. When we believe something should be changed, we must follow the proper procedures to get the change or deviation approved. When we take shortcuts or fail to correct those who are not complying with standards, we run the risk of mission failure and put the lives of both ourselves and others at risk.

Our failure to follow proper procedures played a role in our mishandling of the nation's nuclear weapons, which generated much negative publicity and possibly caused the American public to lose faith in our abilities and professionalism. However, we're working hard to restore our image and the nation's confidence in our abilities.

"Precision and reliability is our standard, regardless of job or specialty, and we will return the vigor and rigor to all the processes and missions for which we have been entrusted," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz.

Gen. Arthur J. Lichte, commander of the Air Mobility Command said, "The

Adhering to the principles of military discipline and enforcing standards serve as the foundation for accomplishing our mission efficiently and effectively.

Air Force has had some setbacks this past year, and the way to move forward positively is to get back to basics."

The concept of getting back to basics doesn't just mean we need to focus all of our efforts on accomplishing the mission at the expense of forgetting about the little things that seem insignificant.

"You cannot be disciplined in great things and indisciplined in small things" and "It is absurd to believe that Soldiers who cannot be made to wear the proper uniform can be induced to move forward in battle. Officers who fail to perform their duty by correcting small violations and in enforcing proper conduct are incapable of leading" are words often attributed to Army Gen. George Patton. These two statements convey what I believe getting back to basics means: We must focus our efforts on adhering to and enforcing every standard, no matter how unimportant or insignificant that standard may seem.

Customs and courtesies are often overlooked when we stop focusing on the little things we are required to do. Yes, it's easier to remain seated and continue typing an e-mail when someone of higher rank approaches our work area. It's often inconvenient to stop our car when retreat plays, especially when we're in a hurry to get somewhere. Most of us don't look forward to correcting someone who violates these or other seemingly insignificant standards, but if we don't make it a point to enforce all of our standards, it's just a matter of time until we start becoming complacent, miss something really important that degrades mission accomplishment, and worst case, a fellow Airman gets injured or killed.

Our nation and military leaders at all levels count on us to do our part to fly, fight and win ... in air, space and cyberspace, and I know we're up to the challenge. However, we'll never achieve our full potential and avoid serious mistakes if we don't continue to focus on and enforce every standard that applies to us.

Staying R.E.A.D.Y. for your next promotion

Chief Master Sgt. Pamela Matthews

14th Mission Support Group Superintendent

We just rang in another year; the holiday parties are over and we are making those resolutions. Why not make a resolution to be **R.E.A.D.Y.** for promotion.

As I go around talking to the Airmen at Columbus about promotion, I find surprisingly that folks are not aware or haven't thought about a few things, as it relates to getting promoted. I would like to share some tips with you about how to set yourself up for success. I have been promoted to the highest enlisted grade because, along the way, all of my supervisors and commanders felt I had leadership potential to serve in the next higher grade; but I had to do my part and that was being ready for promotion. Here's how to get there:

1. "**R**" is for take responsibility for your promotion. How do you do this?

a. First you need to know when you are eligible to be promoted. Promotion eligibility is based primarily on time in grade and time in service. You can keep track of this by reviewing the enlisted promotion website at Air Force Personnel Center and/or the WAPS promotion eligibility spreadsheet for promotion to E-5 through E-9.

b. Second, you should know what it takes to make each grade. Do you need to wait 10 months for promotion to airman 1st class or have you completed your professional military education for the next grade? (i.e., Airman Leadership School for staff sergeant promotion, or completing your Community College of the Air Force degree for a promotion to senior master sergeant and chief master sergeant).

c. Third, you need to make sure your record is reflective of your career. Is that medal updated? Is your Enlisted Performance Report in the system? Is your degree listed? Have you reviewed your promotion folder at AFPC for master sergeants and senior master sergeants? You can do this by reviewing your data verification rip on virtual Military Personnel Flight prior to testing and then notifying the MPF point of contact as soon as possible if you see something is

not accurate.

d. Last but not least, show up on time for promotion. Show up early for testing, plan to arrive at least 30 minutes before the testing time. This is preached every year and I can guarantee you, there is always someone who doesn't make it on time. There will be no excuses for car trouble, weather trouble or over sleeping.

2. "**E**" is for excel in all that you do. If you strive to do the very best you can each and every day, you will be competitive for promotion every time. Great work ethic, being proficient in your technical skills and leading by example will lead to recognition; possibly being considered for an award or decoration which equals points towards promotion. This can set you apart from other Airmen.

3. "**A**" is for apply yourself. This means to study! Make sure you know what to study; what Career Development Course version or Air Force Instructions are used to make up the skills knowledge test. The Professional Development Guide comes out every two years. Do you have the most current copy? The average Promotion fitness exam score for selects on the Fiscal Year 2008 staff sergeant promotion cycle was 54 percent and 44 percent for non-selects. Any of these scores except the 69 percent would be considered failing. Shoot for a 70 percent each and every time you test and you'll shoot up through the ranks in no time. Set up a study schedule and stick to it; remove all distracters out of your way and start early.

4. "**D**" is for determination. Don't let anyone sway you from not reaching your goals. I never forget when I was studying for technical sergeant the first time I had several people tell me that I couldn't make it, that it was the hardest stripe to make, etc., but I was determined to give my best effort and I made it. There will be times in your career that maybe you don't get that stripe when you wanted it, but never let that stop you from trying the next time. Step back, reassess the path you took and make the changes, if needed, and press on.

5. "**Y**" is for this is your promotion. That next stripe is yours, so go get it! Make 2009 your year to be R.E.A.D.Y. for promotion.



14th CES Fire Dawgs: desire, courage, ability

1. Fire Emergency Services mission:

Prevent fires, minimize injuries and loss of life and property, and alleviate negative impact to the environment occurring in periods of peace, war, military operations other-than-war, and humanitarian support operations. Included are both man-made and natural incidents; fire suppression and hazard mitigation, rescue, mitigation or containment of releases of hazardous materials, such as chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, or explosive agents, resulting from industrial accidents, terrorism, or weapons of mass destruction, and emergency medical support.

2. Key Leaders:

- Squadron Commander: Lt. Col. Peter Ridilla
- Fire Chief: Neil Hogan
- Deputy Fire Chief: Senior Master Sgt. Russell Eidenschink

3. Personnel numbers:

- Military: 42
- Civil service: 15
- Buildings: Main Columbus AFB Fire Station and the Shuqualak Auxiliary Air Field Fire Station

4. FES's four main support functions:

Operations section: Responsible for a fleet of 11 firefighting vehicles comprised of two command and control vehicles, two engine companies, two water tenders, a technical rescue team, and four aircraft rescue firefighting companies. This section is staffed 24 hours a day seven days a week to respond to medical, aircraft, structural, hazardous materials, auto extrication, technical rescue, and wildfire type emergencies.

Fire Prevention: Responsible for fire investigation, review of new and renovated building plans for proper site, fire suppression/detection systems and building construction. Conducts and tracks facility fire inspections for fire code violations, and administers the department's fire safety and education programs.

Emergency Communications Center: Responsible for receiving and dispatching all emergencies for FES to include medical services. Tracks all dispatched calls to maintain security and safety of responding personnel, maintain location and

Staff Sgt. Steven Gonzales, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron, washes off in a decontamination pool after being "rescued" from a building filled with toxic gas Sept. 10, 2008 in an exercise. The exercise was part of the Hazardous Materials Technician course held for the first time at Columbus AFB. Instructors were brought in from Goodfellow AFB, Texas, saving the Air Force more than \$60,000 in TDY funds for the 20 technicians attending the class.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Josh Harbin



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Steven Gonzales

Airman Robert Jones, Senior Airman Jacob Bradford, Airman 1st Class Jason Kislow and Airman 1st Class Nathan Milan, of the 14th Civil Engineer Squadron, prepare for HAZMAT evaluations during a training exercise. The Fire Department hosted a Fire Academy-led Hazard Materials Technician course here. The course was comprised fire, readiness, biological and civil engineering operations section personnel attending the class.

status information on all mobile units and maintain logs of all activities. The ECC utilizes simultaneous operations of computer-aided touch screen dispatch systems, computerized phone systems, and a computer-aided Geographical Information System. All dispatchers are qualified to the Mississippi state medical dispatcher and Telecommunicater II standard.

Training Section: Develops, administers, and evaluates the department's training program following National Fire Protection Association curriculums, to include disaster planning and medical services. It serves as a liaison to other local fire department training institutions to include state, federal, and local agencies. The section also manages the department's International Fire Service Accreditation Certification program, and automated training record system.

5. Slogan:

- "FIRE DAWGS"; "DESIRE, COURAGE & ABILITY"

6. Challenges:

The biggest challenge has been incorporating new consequence management principles into their daily operations due to Program Budget Decision 720 military and civilian manpower reductions. With fewer manpower authorizations, they essentially had to optimize their daily business practices and processes to successfully continue the best emergency response capability they could offer both here at Columbus AFB and their deployed locations. They have been very successful in significantly



reducing hours spent on non-essential activities and equating those hours into developing firefighters into a more positive professional team which is needed to prepare for true emergency operations.

A large part of its transformation involved reshaping fire operations on-duty staffing requirements to more closely match its emergency response history by establishing "high risk" periods and "low risk" periods. This approach was accomplished by establishing a series of metrics to help analyze annual historic response data to capture where events are likely to occur, how often, and the most probable day and time of responses. This trend data accurately depicted potential risks for Columbus AFB to see where they needed to modify their response protocols.

7. How the unit plays a part in Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training:

Having firefighter's ready to immediately respond is imperative when an emergency happens. The chance of an incident getting out of control is dramatically reduced when they are able to respond without delay to the scene to have direct influence on the outcome. The most common types of emergencies the team reacts to range from aircraft and structural incidents to medical aid and vehicle accidents.

FES is ensuring the safety of Columbus AFB's youth by having certified child safety seat technicians available to assist base personnel with seat installation. Upon inspecting the seat, the technician determines if the seat is installed correctly, if the seat needs to be replaced due to recall, or advice on buying a proper seat for your child.

FES offers Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation certification classes open to anyone who wishes to attend once a quarter at the fire station. Class size is limited to six participants so pre-registration is required. Call the Fire Station directly to get a spot on the reservation list.

To help serve our community and to protect life and property, they teach school-age children, as well as adults, the essentials of fire safety throughout the Golden Triangle Region year-round utilizing a Fire Smoke Training trailer. This is offered during community events and group gatherings.

8. What has changed recently in FES?

Departments now have added emphasis on building their relationships with the local community departments. Partnering with their community counterparts helps facilitate the most effective employment of response capabilities and ensures efficient use of resources. Since they utilize the National Incident Management System principles, they are able to put their strong mutual aid ties to the test by conducting training

with both the local district and city fire departments to help better prepare all of them to handle larger emergency events.

The advancements in technology and state-of-the-art vehicles and equipment have changed the way they think, live and train. Protective clothing in the last few years have made huge advances which allows them to go in deeper and longer into potentially dangerous atmospheres. Over the years, they have improved how we conduct search and rescue operations by having thermal imaging cameras. The self contained breathing apparatus they wear and the hoses they use are now lighter.

Columbus AFB FES also uses a Computer Aided Dispatch Video Messenger system which displays which apparatus is needed, the type of call (medical aid, structure fire, etc.) and the address and location of the incident.

9. Unique aspects of FES:

Firefighters are the only Airmen in the Air Force who work continuous 24 hour shifts. Columbus Firefighters work 48 consecutive-hour shifts, living at the station for the entire period. While on duty, firefighters sleep in dormitory style quarters, reporting for roll call at 7 a.m. each morning. Firefighters work a total of 72 hours per week to include holidays and weekends.

Each year, firefighter's go through an annual confidence course which tests their strength and stamina to perform their job in real-life situations and to stay proficient with fire equipment under stressful atmospheres. The course makes the firefighters practice their critical skills through a ten-station route. They demonstrate their ability to navigate obstacles, pull hoses, climb ladders and rescue victims within a limited time period. They are timed from the moment they start donning approximately 125 lbs. of full firefighter gear, including a self contained breathing apparatus.

10. Fire Chief comments:

"The mindset of our organization is to keep focused on meeting customer needs. To create an atmosphere where everybody is made to feel welcomed into our department and to ensure our professionalism is maintained at the highest level and is being displayed to the base and community through our daily interactions.

What is exclusive to the firefighter career field is individuals usually do not "settle" for this profession. They are in the fire service because it is a very satisfying, highly respected profession. Each firefighter realizes it is imperative to be diligent about his or her training, job knowledge, and



U.S. Air Force photo by 2nd Lt. George Fowler

Staff Sgt. Timothy Horton, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Protection Flight, mans the alarm room of the Fire Department. Those assigned to the alarm room work 12 hour shifts and are the initial responders to all base emergencies.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Josh Harbin

Columbus AFB firefighters extinguish a fire in the "pit" Monday during an exercise. This area is designated especially for training purposes and allows firefighters to stay prepared for many types of emergencies.



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Steven Gonzales

Senior Airman William Greenan, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron, explains a fire rollover effect during a structural exercise with the local Lowndes County District II Volunteer Fire Department.

education. This not only helps the individual firefighter, but it also makes the team more effective. They take great pride in ensuring the safety and well-being of our community and their families and protecting Air Force assets."

Disney Parks celebrate U.S. military with free tickets

Pam Wickham

14th Force Support Squadron

Disney's Armed Forces Salute to the Military offers a complimentary, multi-day admission ticket into Disney's theme parks, great rates at select Walt Disney World and Disneyland Resort hotels and additional special ticket offers for family members and friends. Active and retired military personnel, including active members of the United States Coast Guard and activated members of the National Guard and Reservists are eligible for the complimentary ticket.

At the Walt Disney World Resort in Florida, until Dec. 23, 2009, each active or retired member of the U.S. military may obtain one complimentary five-day "Disney's Armed Forces Salute" ticket with Park Hopper and Water Park Fun and more options. This ticket is valid for five days of admission into the four Walt Disney World theme parks, plus a total of five visits to your choice of a Disney water park, Disney Quest Indoor Interactive Theme park or certain other attractions. During this offer period, active or retired military personnel may also make a one-time purchase of up to a maxi-

mum of five, five-day Disney's Armed Forces Salute Companion tickets for \$99 per ticket, plus tax, for family members or friends. Although tickets for family members and friends do not include either the Park Hopper or Water Park Fun and more options, tickets can be upgraded to add either option, or both, for an additional \$25 plus tax, per option. All tickets and options are non-transferable and must be used by Dec. 23, 2009.

Tickets can be purchased at the Columbus AFB Information, Ticket and Travel office. Tickets are not valid until activated at the theme park ticket window.

The ITT office is offering a trip to Orlando July 19 to July 25. Transportation costs are \$125 per person round trip and includes shuttle to and from Disney World for five days. Lodging is \$675 for six nights at the Holiday Inn Sun Spree Resort in Lake Buena Vista, Fla. Each room has two queen beds and can accommodate up to five people. There are only 30 seats available on the tour bus so book early with the ITT office. For more information about this trip or the Disney ticket special, call 434-2507.

Texas Hold 'Em Challenge



Courtesy photo

First Lt. Adam Wieser, 37th Flying Training Squadron, Capt. Stephen Davis, 37th FTS, Roger Dupuy, Capt. Rick Schafer, 49th Fighter Training Squadron, 2nd Lt. Chad Droney, 14th Operations Support Squadron, Capt. Robert Diaz, 37th FTS, and 2nd Lt. William Swinonos, 14th OSS, play cards at the Texas Hold 'Em challenge at the Columbus Club Saturday. Capt. Schafer came out as the winner of the tournament.



For people ages 18 to 34, motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death. Don't become a statistic.

Base families offered variety of recreation choices

Parents Time Out

The Child Development Center is offering this new program from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursdays starting Jan. 8. The program is open to ages 1 to 3 and fees are based on total family income. For more information, call 434-2479.

Youth of the Year Program

Teens, ages 13-18, may pick up an application at the Youth Center for this program. Packages must be returned to the Youth Center by Jan. 20 to be considered for youth of the year. If your parents work on base and you are a registered member of the Columbus AFB Youth Center's Teen Program, then you are eligible to compete. Membership is free.

The package consists of written narrative and supporting documents. Each package addresses the following areas: home and family life, moral character, community service, school, service to club, life goals, essay one and essay two.

The base winner will be awarded prizes totaling over \$100 to include a plaque, if selected at state level at \$1,000 scholarship is awarded, the regional winner wins a \$10,000 scholarship and the national youth of the year receives a \$15,000 scholarship. For more information, contact Mr.

Hamilton at 434-2504.

Spirit Night

The Columbus Club's spirit night is scheduled for 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Jan. 29. Wear your favorite pro team jersey. Folks wearing the most popular jerseys win door prizes. The top three commanders with the most attendees will compete to see which one can throw a football the farthest to win five large pizzas for their next squadron outing. For more information, call 434-2490.

Holiday Bowling Special

The Bowling Center offers \$1 per game bowling and free shoe rental during the Martin Luther King holiday Jan. 19. For more information, call 434-3426.

Parents' Night Out

The Child Development Center and Youth Center offer this program from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. Jan. 31. A \$5 deposit is required when registering. For more information, call 434-2479 or 434-2504.

Crafts Classes

The Arts and Crafts Center offers classes for youth and adults every Thursday at 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. or 5:30 p.m. A display of class projects is available in the Arts and Crafts Center lobby. For more information,

call 434-7836.

Monte Carlo Night

The Columbus Club is offering a Monte Carlo night Feb. 20. Reservations required by Feb. 17 at the Columbus Club. The Landings at Columbus is providing free hors d'oeuvres from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. and will provide a gift certificate for free admission to all base housing residents. Over \$1,000 in prizes will be auctioned in the blind auction at the end of the night. For more information, call 434-2490.

Sweetheart Dinner, Dance

The Columbus Club is offering this special night for couples Feb. 6 with dinner served at 6 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person. The menu for the evening is London broil served with roasted new potatoes, veggies, salad, rolls and red velvet cake for dessert. Dancing will follow the dinner. Reservations required by Feb. 2. For more information, call 434-2490.

Holiday Hours

The following recreational activities will be open Monday: the Bowling Center from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the Fitness Center from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. All other recreational activities will be closed.

Blaze Lunch Bunch

**at the Columbus Club
Every Wednesday During Lunch**

All plates come with one meat, two sides, roll or cornbread, tea or water
\$6.25 for club members
\$7.25 for nonmembers

This week's menu:

Meat choices:

Fried Chicken, Homemade Beef Stew & Baked Spaghetti

Sides:

Macaroni & Cheese, Steamed Rice & Gravy, Turnip Greens, Corn on the Cob, & Side Salad with Ranch Dressing

Lunch Bunch Special - \$6.95

Crisp Caesar Salad Topped with Seasoned Croutons, Shredded Parmesan Cheese and Grilled Chicken Breast

Desserts:

\$2.95 each

Chocolate Peanut Butter Pie
Tiramisu Cake
Jumbo Oatmeal Raisin Cookies

Base News

New vMPF Capability

Effective Dec. 18, the vMPF will become the primary system to complete the Withdraw/ Cancellation of Voluntary Assignment self-service application. This application will have processing procedures similar to those outlined in AFI 36-2110, Assignments. All enlisted and officers in the grades of Colonel and below will utilize the application to withdraw a pending voluntary assignment application or request cancellation of an approved voluntary assignment. Member will access vMPF on the AFPC secure website and initiate the request for withdrawal of a pending voluntary assignment application or cancellation of an approved voluntary assignment. If applicable, member will receive an on-screen approval notification to withdraw an application in pending status. Military Personnel Section at x2691 can assist members with accessing vMPF and answering general questions. Member's commander will provide recommendation in Case Management System (CMS) and forward to AFPC. For complete detailed instructions, review the Personnel Systems Delivery Handbook on the AFPC website.

AAFES Hours

The Columbus Base Exchange and the Shoppette will be conducting their annual inventory on Jan. 24. The BX will be closing at 5 p.m. on Jan. 24. The Shoppette will be closing at 9 p.m. Jan. 24. AAFES Apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause.

Education Counseling Hours

Education counseling (CCAF, Bachelor's/Master's programs, Tuition Assistance, etc.) is now available Mondays and Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment only. Please contact Edward Hodge at 434-2562 to schedule.

Tax Services

H&R Block will be providing tax preparation services January 2, 2009 through April 15, 2009. They will be located in the Columbus AFB Exchange Please call Tom Darnell at 434-0070 for more information or to set up an appointment as hours will vary.

DRMO

Authorized personnel may retrieve property that is marked for DRMO Facilities only if they are still physically located in Base Supply. For more information, call 434-7233 to review the property or call Stock Control Section at 434-7179 or 434-7198. To check for authorization and Demand Processing Section, call 434-7178 to order the property. All other DRMO processing is done via the Web at www.drms.dla.mil.

Zero Overpricing Program-Incentive Awards

Overpricing is an issue everyone should be working. All personnel are encouraged to participate, and will be rewarded for any tangible savings resulting from their price challenge. Monetary awards will be given in accordance with AFI 38-401, The Air Force Innovative Development Employee Awareness Program. Advice and guidance are available by calling the Customer Service element of Base Supply, located in Building 158, at 434-7178.

Weight Loss with Wisdom

It's time to make that New Year's resolution to get those unwanted pounds off for good, but who wants to do it alone? Please join us at the Chapel each Thursday 4:30 p.m. for advise, instruction and prayer for our goals. Lose a little weight with some friends. For more information, please call the Chapel office at 434-2500.

Supply Customer

If you are looking for that special piece of equipment or furniture for your office, your point of contact is the Inspection Section of Base Supply. Inspection maintains the Last Look Area, which has used equipment and furniture turned in from other organizations that no longer have a need for the items. All items in the Last Look Area are available without charge to your organization. For more information, you can contact the Inspection Section at 434-7233 or 434-7234.

Attention All Deployers

The 14th Communications Squadron has a new system which allows you to place "free" telephone calls back home from your deployed location via DSN. You can call every day or once a week; whichever you prefer (allotted time is 3.5 hours a week). Pin numbers are required and can be picked up along with instructions from the Telephone Systems office located in Building 900, Room 9. Please call 434-2020 for additional information.

Gas Mask Fit Test

Gas Mask Fit Testing will now by appointment only. Appointments will be taken Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Exceptions to appointment times will be made for deployers only. For more information, call Bioenvironmental Engineering at 434-2286 or 434-2226.

Airman and Family Readiness Center

(Editor's note: All activities are offered at the Airman & Family Readiness Center unless otherwise specified. For more information about any of the activities listed, call 434-2790 or email afrc@columbus.af.mil.)

Pre-Deployment Brief

There is a mandatory briefing for active

duty personnel who are deploying or going on a remote tour. The brief is held every work day at 9:30 a.m. Spouses are welcome to attend.

Post-Deployment Brief

This mandatory briefing is for active duty personnel who are returning from deployment or a remote tour are held daily at 1:30 p.m. at the A&FRC. For more information, call 434-2790.

Preseparation Counseling

This mandatory briefing for personnel separating or retiring to be completed at least 90 days prior to separation is held daily at 8:30 a.m. May complete up to 12 months prior to separation or retirement. This briefing takes approximately 30 minutes. For more information, call 434-2839 or 434-2790.

Wing Newcomers

This briefing will be held Jan. 20 starting at 8 a.m. at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. This brief is for all active duty and civilian personnel new to Columbus AFB. Spouses are encouraged to attend. For more information, call the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 434-2790.

Medical Terminology Class

Learn Medical Terminology for business applications and employment. The class starts Jan. 20, meeting on Tuesdays from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. for eight weeks. In today's tight job market, be versatile and learn additional skills. Students are required to purchase a text book which costs approximately \$70. The class is open to family members, active duty, retirees, NAF, civil service, and contractors. Advance registration is required. For more information, call the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 434-2790.

Foreclosure Information

This workshop will be held Jan. 22 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. You will gather

information on foreclosures, how to avoid them, and how to handle them. For more information, call the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 434-2790.

Lunch, Learn: Issues Families Face When Military Deploys

This workshop will be held Jan. 23 from 11 a.m. to noon. Bring your lunch, eat and learn about issues families face when military members deploy. For more information, call the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 434-2790.

Telephone Directories

Local AT&T "The Real Yellow Pages"® are available at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. Stop by and pick up your free copy.

Budgeting Basics

This event is held every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to noon at Airman & Family Readiness Center. Learn practical ways to tell your money where to go rather than wonder where it went. For more information, call 434-2790.

Chapel Schedule

Protestant

Sunday: 9 a.m. — Adult Sunday School
10:45 a.m. — Traditional
Worship Service (Children's Church)

All are invited to a fellowship luncheon following the 10:45 a.m. service the fourth Sunday of each month

Catholic

Thursday
5 p.m. — Choir Practice

Sunday:
3:45 p.m. — Choir Practice
4:30 p.m. — Confession
5:00 p.m. — Mass

SOLUTION FOR LAST WEEK

G-21	CV-22	G-5	KC-19	G-156	HH-66	G-17
HH-60	HH-69	HC-135	C-5	C-17	C-21	C-139
CV-22	KC-135	KC-135	HH-66	CV-22	HH-66	C-21
HH-60	KC-135	C-17	C-139	CV-22	HH-66	C-5
C-5	HH-60	C-21	KC-135	HH-60	C-17	CV-22
CV-22	C-21	C-139	C-17	KC-19	KC-135	HH-60
C-5	C-17	CV-22	HH-60	KC-135	C-21	HH-60
KC-135	KC-19	CV-22	C-21	C-17	C-5	C-139
C-139	HH-60	C-21	HH-60	C-5	KC-19	C-17

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ALEE	SOD	HINT
PATTERSON	ANON	
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	HIS	EAU
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Public Administration at MUW: The Mississippi University for Women's Certificate in Public Administration prepares students with the knowledge, skills, and ability necessary to succeed in government and non-profit organizations. This program is open to all majors and requires a minimum of 15 hours of coursework. The courses are scheduled to be

available in the evening, but online courses are being developed as well. For more information or to sign up with the certificate program, to the MUW website homepage at www.muw.edu, click on the "Executive Certification" icon and choose the "Public Administration" icon.

Project News at Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway: The U.S. Army

Corps of Engineers, Mobile District will be hosting a series of public informational meetings on invasive aquatic plants that are found along the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway. The meeting will be held Jan. 20 at 6 p.m. at the Plymouth Bluff Center. Information will be provided on how to obtain permits from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for treatment of invasive

aquatic plants. For more information concerning these meetings, please contact Nicholas Baggett at the Waterway Management Center at 327-2142.

For more information about local area events, e-mail AFRC@columbus.af.mil or call the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 434-2790.

Visit www.columbus.af.mil to learn about Columbus AFB agencies and other important information.



Academy officials announce second hall of fame class

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — Air Force Academy officials have announced the second class for induction into the Air Force Academy Athletic Hall of Fame. The six inductees — Jim Bowman, Callie Calhoun Molloy, Dee Dowis, Terry Isaacson, Ernie Jennings and Ben Martin — will be inducted May 8 at the Air Force Academy Falcon Club.

The six inductees represent a former athletic coach and administrator, a track and cross country multiple All-American, two of the football program's most decorated performers, a multiple-sport standout and a former coach who held one of the longest tenures in Air Force history.

Jim Bowman first came to the Academy in 1958 as a physical education instructor. He was named head junior varsity football coach in 1960. He led the junior varsity for four years before taking over the freshman team and working as the associate athletic director for recruiting support. Mr. Bowman coached the freshmen until 1975 when he went back to the junior varsity head post. After the 1975 season, he stepped down from coaching to devote his full duties to recruiting support, where he served until his retirement in 2007. In his five seasons as the junior varsity head coach, Mr. Bowman compiled a 24-4-1 record, with his 1963 and 1975 teams going undefeated. In his 11 seasons as the freshman coach, Mr. Bowman led the squad to a 37-28 mark. During his tenure at the Academy, he was a part of the athletic staff that led the

Falcons to 17 postseason bowl games. In 2001, Mr. Bowman was inducted into the Colorado Springs Sports Hall of Fame as part of the 1958 Cotton Bowl team.

Callie Calhoun Molloy, a 1991 Academy graduate, is one of the most decorated female athletes in Academy history. She is a five-time NCAA Division II track and field national champion — 3,000-meter run, 5,000-meter run, 10,000-meter run — and won the 1990 NCAA Division II cross country national championship. She is an eight-time track and field All-American and three-time cross country All-American. In addition, she was the team captain of both squads and a two-time track team MVP, as well as a 1991 NCAA Academic All-American. She is still the school record-holder in the 3,000-meters — indoor and outdoor — the 5,000-meters — indoor and outdoor — and the 10,000-meters. In 2001, she was inducted into the NCAA Division II track and field hall of fame. Ms. Molloy is also the younger sister of Air Force head football coach Troy Calhoun.

Dee Dowis is a 1990 graduate of the Academy and was a three-year starter at quarterback for the Falcons. He was a finalist for the 1989 Heisman Trophy award, awarded to college football's best player. His sixth-place finish is the highest of any Falcon ever. Mr. Dowis also was awarded the Downtown Athletic Club's Exemplary Player Award in 1989. Mr. Dowis earned honorable mention All-American honors in 1989 while being

named the Western Athletic Conference's offensive player of the year. In 1989, he became the fifth player in NCAA history to rush and pass for more than 1,000 yards in the same season while leading Air Force to a Liberty Bowl appearance. He scored a school-record six touchdowns and rushed for a then-school record 249 yards vs. San Diego State in 1989.

Terry Isaacson, who is a retired Air Force colonel, is the Academy's only three-time wrestling All-American, earning the honors from 1962-64. He was the NCAA runner-up at 167 pounds in 1962. In addition to his wrestling accolades, Colonel Isaacson was a three-year football letterman and led the team in rushing in 1961 and 1963 and in passing and total offense in '62 and '63. He recorded 1,747 yards of total offense as a senior in 1963 while serving as the team captain. He also led the team in punting during the 1962 and '63 seasons. Colonel Isaacson was named the Air Force Academy male athlete of the year in 1964 and was recognized as a Helms Football Foundation All-American in football in 1963.

Ernie Jennings is widely known as the best receiver to ever play at the Academy and was regarded as one of the top wide outs in college football in the early '70s. He is one of Air Force's five consensus football All-Americans, earning the honor in 1970. He still holds single-game school records for catches with 15 vs. Wyoming in 1969 and for receiving yards with 235 vs. the Cowboys the

following year. His 74 catches for 1,289 yards in 1970 are still single-season Academy records. He is the Air Force career record-holder for pass receptions (148), receiving yardage (2,392), touchdown catches (43), kickoff returns (43) and kickoff return yardage (1,053). He was the first Falcon to finish as a finalist for the Heisman Trophy, finishing eighth in 1970. Mr. Jennings was the Air Force male athlete of the year in 1971.

Ben Martin, known as the father of Air Force football, coached the Falcons from 1958-77. He was 96-103-9 during his 20-year tenure, which is the second-longest in school history. Mr. Martin led the Falcons to a pair of New Year's Day bowl games, the only two in school history. His 1958 team is the only undefeated team in school history, finishing the year at 9-0-2 and earning a trip to the 1959 Cotton Bowl where it tied TCU, 0-0. The '58 squad featured the school's first consensus All-American, Brock Strom, and helped put the fledgling Falcons on the national map. The school had not even graduated a class when Mr. Martin took over, and his nine wins are tied for the most by a first-year coach in school history. Mr. Martin also led the Falcons to the 1971 Sugar Bowl, defeating the likes of nationally ranked Missouri and Stanford during the 1970 season. Mr. Martin passed away in July 2004.

<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Thur</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Sat/Sun</u>
19 MLK Jr. Birthday Holiday	20	21 BLAZE Lunch Bunch 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. @ Club	22 Quarterly Awards Luncheon Dorm Dinner 5 p.m. @ Chapel	23 09-04 Graduation (Brig. Gen. Walsh)	24/25
26	27 Hearts Apart 4:30 p.m.	28 BLAZE Lunch Bunch 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. @ Club	29	30 09-05 Assignment Night	31/1

Long Term Events

Jan. 2-5 - Night Flying Week
Feb. 5 - Annual Prayer Breakfast
Feb. 10 - OSC Social

Feb. 11 - 09-13 Track Select
Feb. 13 - 09-05 Graduation
Feb. 14 - BLAZE Race
Feb. 16 - President's Day Holiday
Feb. 19 - Annual Awards Banquet

Sports Shorts

Fitness Classes: The Fitness Center offers fitness classes. Spin classes are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays beginning at 7 a.m. Cardio kick boxing classes are Mondays and Wednesdays at 5 p.m. and aerobics is offered Saturdays at 9 a.m. For more information, call the Fitness Center at 434-2772.

Lunch, Bowl Special: Receive two free games of bowling from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with the purchase of a combo meal during lunch.

Cosmic Bowling: Cosmic bowling is every Friday and Saturday from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Cost is \$2 per game. The night is complete with black lights, loud music, strobe lights and bowling!

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Always respect fellow riders and the rights of others by riding responsibly and within your skill limit, obeying traffic laws and keeping the sound of your bike to a reasonable level.

